BOROUGH OF HEDON

HEALTH COMMITTEE 1957/58

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I have the honour to submit my annual report upon the Health Services of the Borough of Hedon for 1957.

The following are the principal statistical rates for the year:-

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Corrected Birth Rate	- 15.32
Still Birth Rate	- 28.57
Infant Mortality Rate	- 0.00

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1953	2,071	20.71+	49.00+	9.91+

+Corrected by comparative rate

		Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate	21	13	34
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
STILL BIRTHS		0	1	1
DEATHS		9	9	18
INFANT MORTALITY		0	0	0

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1957

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
Deaths from all causes	9	9	18
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Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	3	3
Coronary disease and angina	-	2	2
Other heart diseases	2	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	1	3
Suicide	-	1	1
Bronchitis	3	1	4

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

Under 1 year of age	-
Between 1 and 5 years of age	-
Between 6 and 15 years of age	1
Between 16 and 25 years of age	-
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Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

Attack Rate of Measles, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis (per 1,000 Home Population)

Disease	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Measles	0.45	0.95	2.34	0.45	13.06
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Poliomyelitis	0.48	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.45

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the additions to and removals from the register during the year:-

	Males		Females		
	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul.	TOTAL
No. of cases on register at 31st December, 1956	3	3	11	1	18
Cases added to the register:-					
(a) Notified for the first time	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification	1	-	-	-	1
Removed from register on account of death, change of address, etc.	0	0	1	1	2
No. of cases remaining on register at 31st December, 1957	4	3	10	0	17

IMMUNISATION

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	0-5 years	5-15 years	Boosters
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The number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated was as follows:-

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Number vaccinated	16	-	-	-	16
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	-	1	1

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC

A Child Welfare Clinic was held fortnightly at the Hull Road Methodist Church School Room, Hedon. The clinic was well attended by mothers and children from the Borough.

The number of children who attended the clinic and the total number of attendances made by them during the year were as follows:-

Number of children who attended during the year and those who were born in:-			Attendances	
1957	1956	1952-55	Total	Average per session
26	19	24	371	16

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITALS

Infectious disease cases are sent to the Isolation Hospitals at Cottingham, Bridlington and York.

Most maternity cases are admitted to the Westwood Maternity Hospital, Beverley, or the Seacroft Maternity Home, Withernsea.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens for pathological examination are sent to the Royal Infirmary, Hull, but bacteriological and biological examinations of milk, water and ice-cream are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Hull.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

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CLINICS

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